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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Ci	riteria Met
Screening level: Permanent ground cover $> 90\%$ and slope $< 10\%$. Assessment level: The water erosion rate is $<= T$.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation '	Test Met
All non-traffic areas are vegetated.	Yes	No 🗌
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No 🗌
Wind Erosion		
Planning Criteria	Planning Cı	riteria Met
Screening level: Permanent ground cover $> 90\%$ and slope $< 10\%$. Assessment level: The wind erosion rate is $<=$ T.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation '	Test Met
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No 🗌
All non-traffic areas are vegetated.	Yes	No 🗌



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Classic Gully Erosion

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Screening level: Classic gullies are not present. Assessment level: Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and are offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
	Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that is does not cause erosion or large streams of water.	Yes	No 🗌
	All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No
	Soil erosion in areas integrated with trees is controlled. There are no impacts on sensitive vegetation. There are no occurrences or enlargement of gullies.	Yes	No
<u>St</u>	reambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Screening level: Streams, shoreline or channels are not adjacent to site. Assessment level: For shorelines and water conveyance channels; banks are stable or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes, AND if bank erosion is present, it is beyond the client's control or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes, AND for streambanks, SVAP2 bank condition element score > 5.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
	Excluding all fundamentally unstable, natural geomorphic streambanks/shorelines, all streambanks/shorelines on the operation show few signs of erosion or bank failure. Each is stable and protected with natural materials.	Yes	No



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Excess Water

Runoff and Flooding and Ponding

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Screening level: Ponding or flooding not a problem AND activities do not cause ponding/flooding problems. Assessment level: Excess water is managed to meet client's objectives.	Yes No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause flooding or ponding	Yes No No



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Water Quality Degradation

Pesticides in Surface Water

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Screening level: Pest control chemicals are not applied. Assessment level: Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and managed to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching AND conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize surface water impacts.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approval tool). Application rates and timing are compliant with the label and the conservation plan.	Yes	No
<u>Pe</u>	sticides in Ground Water		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Screening level: Pest control chemicals are not applied. Assessment level: Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and managed to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching AND conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approval tool). Application rates and timing are compliant with the label and the conservation plan.	Yes	No



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Nutrients in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
Screening level: Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied AND the PLU is not grazed AND there are no confined livestock areas. Assessment level: Conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize surface water impacts AND surface waters are protected from contamination due to runoff and leaching from storage sites, spill and other concentrated sources.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Livestock access to stream is controlled OR limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No
Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No



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Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
Screening level: Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land. Assessment level: Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No
Livestock access to stream is controlled OR limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No 🗌
Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO. Runoff from these areas is treated. An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the groundwater.	Yes	No
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Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
Screening level: Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land. Assessment level: Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to groundwater sources.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO. Runoff from these areas is treated. An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the groundwater.	Yes	No



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Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Surface Water

Planning Crite	ria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
contamination b Assessment leve	Activities do not present the potential for y petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. el: Petroleum, heavy metals or other potential ored and handled to avoid runoff to surface water.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tes	ts	Evaluation T	Test Met
floodplain, - a m pond, lake, sinkl	area and tank is located: - above the 100-year inimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, nole, wetland, or water well, and - within a stable o provide secondary containment if the primary means	Yes	No
Petroleum, Heav	y Metal and Other Pollutants Transported	to Ground V	<u>Vater</u>
Planning Criter	ria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
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Yes

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Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled

to the point that is does not cause erosion or large streams of water.

Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria Planning Criteria Met Screening level: Permanent ground cover > 90% and slope < 10% Yes No AND classic gullies are not present AND streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site. Assessment level: Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies AND the SVAP2 - bank condition >= 5 AND the livestock and vehicle water crossings are stable AND The water erosion rate is <= T AND wind erosion rate is $\leq T$. **Evaluation Tests Evaluation Test Met** Established filter strips are at least 30 feet wide and maintained. Yes No All small, temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. Yes No



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Screening level: Activities are not present that contribute to agricultural source PM or PM precursor emissions AND episodes or complaints of emissions of PM (dust, smoke, exhaust, etc.), or chemical drift have not occurred. PM producing activity examples are: Prescribed Burn is conducted, Travel ways unpaved or untreated with binding agents, Engines (combustion source), Tillage, Pesticides are applied, Fertilization (manure/ commercial), CAFO/manure management). Assessment level: PM and PM Precursor emmissions are managed to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Dust is controlled on all non-vegetated, unpaved travel ways.	Yes	No 🗌
En	nissions of Ozone Precursors		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
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	Planning Criteria Screening level: Operations are not present that produce ozone precursor emissions. Ozone precursor producing activities are: Engines (combustion source), Pesticide application, Burning, CAFO/manure management, Fertilization (manure/commercial). Assessment level: Ozone precursor emmissions are managed to meet		No 🗌



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Degraded Plant Condition

Excessive Plant Pest Pressure

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
Screening level: Plant productivity is not limited from pest pressure. Assessment level: Pest damage to plants are below economic or environmental thresholds or client-identified criteria AND plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or not present.	Yes	No



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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	teria Met
Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. <see action="" plan="" state="" wildlife=""></see>	Yes	No 🗌



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Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR cover is of available quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area, AND - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet or (if applicable) the minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater.	Yes	No
	Livestock access to stream is controlled OR limited to small watering or crossing areas	Yes	No
In	adequate Habitat - Water		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Assessment level: The WHSI rating is $>= 0.5$ AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is $>= 7$, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR water is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Water for habitat is at the right height, depth and time of year for wildlife species of concern	Yes	No 🗌



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Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of targeted species.	Yes No No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Connectivity between food resources and cover and shelter is provided for the chosen wildlife species. <see action="" plan="" state="" wildlife=""></see>	Yes No No



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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Screening level: Client is not interested in improving equipment and facilities energy efficiency. Assessment level: Major components of a USDA approved energy audit have been implemented that address equipment and facilities to meet client objectives OR On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.	Yes	No
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Screening level: Client is not interested in improving equipment and facilities energy efficiency. Assessment level: Major components of a USDA approved energy audit have been implemented that address equipment and facilities to meet client objectives OR On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	Energy loss from driven equipment, irrigation, or pumping has been improved.	Yes	No